

OPINION 1168
CACATUA DUCORPSII PUCHERAN, 1853 (AVES)
CONSERVED

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers, the specific name *ducrops* Bonaparte, 1850, as published in the binomen *Plyctolophus DuCrops* [sic] is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonym.

(2) The specific name *ducropsii* Pucheran, 1853, as published in the binomen *Cacatua ducropsii* in Jacquinot & Pucheran, 1853, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2725.

(3) The specific name *ducrops* Bonaparte, 1850, as published in the binomen *Plyctolophus DuCrops* [sic], and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1073.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2074)

An application for the conservation of the spelling *ducropsii* for the specific name of Ducorps' Cockatoo, generally known as *Cacatua ducropsii*, was first received from Dr E. Eisenmann (*American Museum of Natural History, New York*) and Dr J.M. Forshaw (*CSIRO Division of Wildlife Research, Canberra, Australia*) on 6 June 1974. It was sent to the printer on 27 August 1974 and published on 31 December 1974 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31, pp. 240–243. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials and to two ornithological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 14 December 1979 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1979)26 for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31, p. 243. At the close of the voting period on 14 March 1980 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Bayer, Mroczkowski, Willink, Vokes, Corliss, Tortonese, Trjapitzin, Alvarado, Habe, Brinck, Hahn, Heppell, Welch, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Kraus, Ride, Binder, Nye, Halvorsen

Negative Votes — Dupuis, Cogger

No voting paper was returned by Bernardi.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Bayer: 'Although I am in favour of this proposal, I think it would have been better to request a ruling that *Plyctolophus DuCrops* was an incorrect original spelling which should be corrected to *ducorpsii* (or even *ducorps*), thus maintaining the authorship and date employed in Forshaw's monograph.'

Welch: 'While I have voted for the proposal, I question the second section. Attention should be drawn to Recommendation 31A. It seems to me that the proper spelling of the specific epithet would be *Cacatua ducorpsi*. Eisenmann's reference (*Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31, p. 243) to a homonym under Article 58(10) appears unnecessary to me. Only one taxon is involved, which unfortunately has had its specific epithet spelled incorrectly in several ways and at several times.'

Dupuis: 'Je propose, en vertu des pleins pouvoirs: *ducorpsi* Bonaparte, 1850, ex Hombron & Jacquinot, pour conserver une trace de l'histoire.'

Cogger: 'I do not see any need for the exercise of the plenary powers in this case. *Plyctolophus DuCrops* of Bonaparte, 1850, is clearly a valid name, except that, as suggested by the proponents (*Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31, p. 241) there is clear evidence of an inadvertent error in the original publication by virtue of such evidence being present in the "indication". Consequently the valid specific name for Ducorps' Cockatoo is *ducorps*, as published in the binomen *Plyctolophus ducorps* Bonaparte, 1850.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following are the original references for names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

ducorpsii, *Cacatua* Pucheran, 1853, in Jacquinot & Pucheran, *Voyage au Pôle sud*, Zoologie, vol. 3, p. 108.

DuCrops, *Plyctolophus*, Bonaparte, 1850, *C.r. Acad. Sci. Paris*, vol. 30, p. 138.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (79)26 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1168.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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